

## U.S. ASKS GERMANY ABOUT TRANSFER OF BELGIAN WORKMEN

Secretary Grew, of American Embassy, to Have Interview With Chancellor Monday.

### GETS COPY OF ORDER ISSUED

Inquiry Declared Informal and Berlin Press Awaits Outcome With Confidence.

BERLIN, Nov. 18.—Secretary to the American Embassy Grew has requested an interview with the imperial chancellor in response to instructions from Washington for information as to transportation of Belgian workers to Germany. The interview probably will be arranged for Monday.

Grew already has discussed informally with the foreign office the transfer of the Belgians, and has been given a copy of the order as originally issued. Grew is personally following all of the details of these measures.

The Berlin press took notice today that Grew's efforts were entirely informal, pointing out that the United States is simply desirous of obtaining the facts in the matter. Newspapers state the outcome of the secretary's interview with the chancellor is awaited with confidence.

## REPRISALS URGED FOR EXILING OF BELGIANS

England Indignant Over Alleged "Enslavement" of Men of Nation.

LONDON, Nov. 18.—England today is seeking some means of reprisal against Germany for "enslavement" of Belgium's men.

Not since the execution of Miss Edith Cavell has there been such a wave of popular indignation as that which is sweeping the country over fresh details of the Teutonic plan of giving employment to the Belgian civil population by deporting them to Germany.

It is realized that with the United States rests the only hope of intervention to prevent a clean sweep from the devastated nation of all its manhood.

Stories of fathers and sons parted forcibly from their wives and mothers and other loved ones by German soldiery have served to fan indignation to a fever heat.

### 300,000 Men Affected.

Three hundred thousand male Belgians, above the age of seventeen, are affected by the "employment" orders from Berlin. So far at least 45,000 of these have been transported from their homes to Germany, that they may be given employment, according to the German explanation.

The transfers are taking place at the rate of 2,000 a day. Information today, received via Holland, asserts that the transfers are being made in great numbers, where those places were more than usually forcible, German commanders ruthlessly enforcing their orders and in addition imposing further tax burdens as an example to those who opposed the military machine.

The town of Kurnal, it was declared, had been fined 200,000 marks (\$50,000) for "arrogance without precedent" in thus opposing the employment orders.

Copies of the notice to the Belgians requiring their assembly at certain concentration points for this "work" of able-bodied workmen have been received in Holland.

They vary in different localities. All, however, promise active employment at good wages and permission to send money from Germany to members of their families and to be exempted from military service shall not be under fire.

Although no alternative is specified in these official notices, information received in Holland is that German officers have backed up these notices with verbal threats if the conditions are not accepted able-bodied Belgians can expect imprisonment.

The mobilization for this deportation is proceeding with true German thoroughness. Men forced to respond to the assembly calls are examined carefully. Only the able-bodied are requisitioned and exception is granted to priests and certain town officials.

The conference now in progress in Paris between representatives of all the allies is looked to by the public to formulate a policy regarding the Belgian situation. Word received from Paris today said the conference had already taken formal cognizance of the matter and was devising a program of economic and military retaliation.

## DEUTSCHLAND HELD IN PORT FOR PROBE

Only Slightly Damaged, But Must Await Investigation.

NEW LONDON, Conn., Nov. 18.—The German super-submarine Deutschland, in spite of its collision with the tug T. A. Scott, Jr., could again attempt her voyage back to Germany at once.

She was only slightly damaged, and, if repairs are made, it will not be necessary to take her into drydock. When she will prepare to leave is something that will not be discussed until today. It is in the hands of the authorities here to complete an investigation into the accident which resulted in the loss of the convey and five of her crew at the start of the homeward trip yesterday.

Taking of testimony may consume several days and the decision may be reached in a day or longer.

Capt. Frederick Hirsch, the only man aboard the tug, who was rescued, will testify today. It is in the hands of the North German Lloyd Steamship Company here.

It is believed here that the accident will be attributed to bad judgment by Capt. John Gurney in steaming ahead of the Deutschland instead of remaining at her side.

## Writer Who Has Just Returned From Front



MRS. WILL IRWIN,  
Formerly Miss Ines Haynes Gilmore.

## FINDS BRITISH WOMEN ABLE TO RUN NATION

Mrs. Will Irwin Lauds Efficiency of Those Left Behind to Conduct Business.

NEW YORK, Nov. 18.—"If all the men were to be killed off," said Mrs. Will Irwin, formerly Ines Haynes Gilmore, on her return from battle fronts of Europe, "one gets the impression in England that the women would be perfectly competent to carry on the work of the nation alone."

A taxi-ride at Verdun, making a fortune out of war correspondents, was a thorn in the flesh to Mrs. Will Irwin, until she found out that the pirate was a woman, one of the army of women working in France.

Pretty and Plucky Pirate.

"That girl had a head as hard as ball," she laughed, "but she was so pretty and plucky we couldn't be as angry as we had been when we thought it was a man fleeing us. She has organized a livery trust which controls all the business of the war front."

"The most impressive thing in France is the way the affairs of the nation are being carried on by the nation's mourners. At our hotel not a day passed that some one did not hear of a husband or brother lost at the front, but we never failed to get smiling, perfect service that was a constant marvel. We were ashamed to cry ourselves, because they were hearing their sorrow so bravely."

### English Hide Sorrow.

"In England they are even more inclined to hide their sorrow. One gets a pretty little letter from a friend who is coming up from the country to spend a few days in town, and it will be so pleasant to see her old friends again, she writes. There is no hint in the letter that she has lost every one of her six brothers in the Dardanelles."

There is one great difference between the women of England and those of France, according to Mrs. Irwin—that is, the difference in efficiency in running their countries.

"In England one gets the impression that if all the men were to be killed off, the women would be perfectly competent to carry on the nation alone," she said.

## HUGHES GAINS 74 IN FRISCO COUNTY

Complete Tally Not Expected Before Next Tuesday.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 18.—Charles E. Hughes' net gain was recorded at 74 today when the election commissioners of San Francisco county completed their official canvass of all but forty-nine precincts in this county.

It is expected that the official count here will be finished Monday, but that it will be Tuesday or Wednesday before the register has been completed. A similar delay is expected in Los Angeles county.

When Secretary of State Jordan will conclude his tally is uncertain, but it probably will be in about ten days.

San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Alameda, are the only counties which have not finished their official canvass. Last United Press tabulations indicated a minimum plurality for Wilson of 3,750 in the State.

## AWARDS CONTRACTS FOR DESTROYERS

Contracts for eight destroyers, authorized by the last naval appropriation bill, were awarded today to the Fall River Shipbuilding Corporation of Quincy, Mass., and six to the Union Iron Works Company, San Francisco.

The Fall River contract is for \$1,100,000 for each destroyer. While the first four of the destroyers will cost \$1,100,000 and the last two \$1,135,000 each.

This completes contracts for eighteen of the twenty authorized, but it is undecided whether the other two shall be built by contract or a navy yard.

## Allied Warships Hunt For German Submarine

NORFOLK Va., Nov. 18.—Allied warships are hunting the ocean for a German submarine reported by several ships as being from 150 to 250 miles east of the Delaware cape. All passing ships are spoken by the war craft for information, and one reported that the submarine had circled about her for an hour.

## KING FOOTBALL IN FULL COMMAND OF COLLEGE GRIDIRONS

Georgetown Plays North Carolina A. and M. Eleven at Hill-top Today.

### YALE TACKLES PRINCETON

Pennsylvania-Michigan Contest Biggest Event on Western Schedule.

King Football reigns today on many a gridiron, as the waning days of autumn are upon us.

The Yale Bulldog tackles the scrapping Princeton Tiger, Harvard battles the victorious Brunonians, who have yet to lose a game. Pennsylvania is at Ann Arbor for the Quakers' annual contest with the ferocious Wolverines, peevish at their defeat by Cornell a week ago.

Over at the Hilltop, Georgetown's triumphant gridiron machine faces North Carolina A. and M. in what is considered the biggest home game for the Blue and Gray. Georgetown's anger at losing its opening tussle to the Middles, will today seek to outdo the Sailors by bettering their 50-to-0 score against the aggies from Raleigh, N. C.

Out at Brookland, Catholic University plays the strong Muhlenberg eleven, and the Red and Black has many injured stars on the side lines. However, Coach Neillen is hopeful that his second-string men will develop under the pounding they will receive and force the visitors from Pennsylvania to shut out in what they have thus far to win the victory.

## BULLDOG AND TIGER UNLEASHED TODAY

Yale and Princeton Play Forty-First Annual Game.

By H. C. HAMILTON.

NEW YORK, Nov. 18.—The Yale Bulldog stands a fine chance of losing an ear this afternoon at Princeton; also, the Princeton Tiger is still wondering what kind of a guard he is going to use to keep the Bulldog from matching the Harvard knot in his tail with one of the New Haven brand.

It all depends upon the chewing or tail-knotting abilities of the football teams which represent Yale and Princeton.

The game today will be the forty-first meeting between the two rivals. Of the two-score contests which have been woven into history the New Haven contingent has won its full share, and has lapped over a bit. The Tiger has had some mighty hard luck—or poor football teams.

### Dope Favors Princeton.

Strictly from a dope standpoint Princeton is favored to win. The Tigers are better conditioned, have had the easier schedule, and have the best team since the days when Sam White used to pick up footballs and humiliate Yale and Harvard with a single sprint over the chalk lines.

But it is impossible to convince a Princeton student that a jinx makes an annual trip just to be present at the battle between Harvard and Princeton, and they believe nothing but supernatural luck will win a Yale victory. The crowd upward of 4,000 is expected in Palmer stadium. Weather conditions are excellent.

### Yale's Backfield Good.

Yale has a backfield which sticks out all over the place when compared with Princeton's. No men like LeGore grace the Orange and Black training table. Neither are there any quarterbacks with the ability of Smith at Old Nassau. The forward (Continued on Page Fourteen.)

## UTILITIES BOARD IS OFFERED ASSISTANCE

Three Ask to Be Present At Future Hearings.

Conceding the right of the commission to fix a fair valuation of the properties of the street railway companies before ordering universal transfers, Edward S. Brashers, Charles B. Campbell, and William F. Hunter, through Attorney E. Hilton Jackson, today filed with the Public Utilities Commission a petition asking that they be advised of any hearing on the subject in order that they may present "such considerations as in their judgment may aid the commission in reaching a conclusion alike just to the public and the common carriers involved."

The petitioners say they are of the opinion that universal fare transfers may be ordered without violating any rights the companies have acquired by virtue of their charters. They are informed, they say, that the net earnings of the companies, as shown by records filed with the commission are such as to justify the commission in adopting such an order.

A public hearing will be held by the commission on the transfer question following the hearings on the valuations of the properties of the street railway companies.

## Says He Killed Woman In Spat Over Kitten

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Nov. 18.—John Stauch, who pleaded guilty to the murder of Mrs. Susan Petram and left it to the three judges of the county to decide his fate, testified that a three days' "spree" and a quarrel over a kitten led to the murder.

The court is taking testimony to establish the degree of guilt.

## SUIT FILED TO FORCE OLD DOMINION TO TOPAY \$20,000 FINE

Utilities Board Moves to Collect Penalty for Refusal to Issue Transfers.

### \$200 EACH FOR 100 DAYS

Capital Traction Company Absolved From Liability for Change in Fares.

Suit against the Washington and Old Dominion Railway Company to compel the payment in fines of \$20,000, in addition to the cost of the suit, for alleged change in schedule and rates without authority of the Public Utilities Commission, was filed by the commission in the District Supreme Court today through Conrad H. Byrne, general counsel.

The refusal of the Washington and Old Dominion Railway Company to issue transfers from the south end of the Aqueduct bridge to the lines of the Capital Traction Company, and to accept transfers from Thirty-sixth and M streets to the south end of the bridge is the basis of the suit.

### What Declaration Says.

The declaration sets forth that notwithstanding the willingness of the Capital Traction Company to give and accept transfers "the defendant has continuously refused on each and every day from August 1, 1916, to the date of the filing of this suit to comply with its established schedule and rate of fare."

The proceedings are entered under paragraph 28 of the public utilities act, which provides that no change shall be made in any schedule, including schedule of joint rates, except on ten days' notice to the commission.

Directing attention to paragraph 35, which provides a penalty of \$200 a day for refusal to obey "any lawful requirement or order made by the commission," it is alleged that the number of violations to the date of the filing of the suit is 100.

### Action Follows Hearing.

Today's action follows a hearing by the commission to give the Washington and Old Dominion Railway Company and the Capital Traction Company opportunity to show cause why the transfer arrangement permitting a continuous ride to and from the south end of the Aqueduct bridge on payment of a single fare should not be continued, and why the companies should not be held liable to fines provided by the public utilities act for "canceling their joint rates filed with the Public Utilities Commission without authority of the commission."

### Capital Company Absolved.

The Capital Traction Company expressed a willingness to continue the transfer arrangement, but said that such arrangements could not be entered into without the consent of the Washington and Old Dominion Railway.

Orders absolving the Capital Traction Company from responsibility and directing the general counsel to begin proceedings against the Washington and Old Dominion railway were later were issued. The Washington and Old Dominion railway declined to participate in the hearing further than to present through its general counsel, Wilton J. Lambert, a statement excepting to the jurisdiction of the commission.

## DEMOCRATS GAIN ONE MEMBER IN HOUSE

Republicans Now Have 216 As Against 213.

Democrats have added one member of the House to their list in North Carolina. Latest news from the count in Congressmen's district is to the effect the Democrats have been able to count a majority against him. On this basis, the House stands 216 Republicans to 213 Democrats with several others still to be counted.

The extreme closeness of the situation makes it impossible to tell until counts in all close districts are settled which side will organize the House.

At present, the small group of members not yet Republican or Democratic party is more in the limelight than ever because it holds the balance of power as the figures stand today.

## Announces the Date for Navy Yard Wage Hearing

The Navy Department today set December 7 as the date for hearing the wage claim of mechanics and laborers at the Washington Navy Yard.

Representatives of the trades at the yard will be given a hearing on the recommendations of the Wage Board for the scale of pay during the next calendar year. The Wage Board will submit its report to the Navy Department in the interval between now and December 7.

All navy yards and shore stations will be given hearings by Assistant Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt between December 5 and December 10.

The dates set for the hearing are as follows: Boston navy yard, December 6; Washington Navy district, December 7; New York navy yard, December 12; Philadelphia navy yard, December 13; Norfolk navy yard, December 14; Charleston, Key West, Pensacola, and New Orleans, December 15; Naval Academy, Indian Head, and Pacific Coast stations, December 19.

## Ruth Law Again Postpones Chicago-New York Flight

CHICAGO, Nov. 18.—Ruth Law, aviatrix, again postponed her flight to New York today, and announced she would leave Grant Park at 4 a. m. Sunday. Reports of bad weather in the East caused her delay. Miss Law expects to cut Carlstrom's recent record in the Chicago-New York flight.

## DENIES SHE IS TO MARRY



MISS HELEN KELLER,  
Deaf and Blind Marvel Who Brands as False Report She Would Wed Her Secretary, Peter Fagan.

## NEW LINES TAKEN IN DRIVE ON MONASTIR

Serbs Capture Half Mile of Trenches From Defenders of Fortress.

BERLIN (via Sayville wireless), Nov. 18.—Sanguinary repulse of Serbian and French attacks on the plains of Monastir and re-capture of a mountain summit previously wrested from the Germans by the Serbs were reported in today's war office statement.

PARIS, Nov. 18.—The allied advance toward Monastir continues. The French official statement today credited the Serbian troops in this theater of the war with capturing half a mile of trenches east of Cerna, from the Teuton defenders, and the taking of Height 1,212, northwest of Iven, with bloody losses to the Bulgarians and Germans.

The advance about Monastir is being made despite heavy floods, it was stated.

The statement also detailed an easy repulse by hand grenades of a strong enemy detachment which attempted to reach French trenches at Blaches. Six German aeroplanes were brought down in air fights.

## Russians Continue To Press Mackensen Back

PETROGRAD, Nov. 18.—Consistent progress southward in Dobruja is being maintained by the Russian forces against Field Marshal von Mackensen, according to the war office statement today.

Persistent enemy attacks continued in the valleys of the Alt and Juul, in Transylvania.

## British Defeat Force of Indian Tribesmen

LONDON, Nov. 18.—Defeat of a large force of Mohmands on the Indian border by British troops was announced by the India office today.

The statement said a large number, estimated at 6,000, had collected on the border opposite Shid-Kadr on Tuesday. On Thursday British troops attacked them, inflicting losses of 100 killed and many severely wounded. The Mohmands have apparently withdrawn.

## WILSON TO RECEIVE LABOR DELEGATES

A. F. of L. Men Pay Their Post-Election Respects.

Organized labor will pay its post-election respects to President Wilson at 5 o'clock this afternoon, when the President will receive in the East Room several hundred delegates to the American Federation of Labor convention in Baltimore.

Samuel Gompers, president of the Federation, is expected to make an address congratulating the President on his re-election, and reminding him of the great interest which organized labor felt in his cause because of the Administration's support of the railroad bill, held under the auspices of the organization Sunday, November 25, at 2:30 o'clock.

The mass meeting will be held in Foli's Theater.

## PRESIDENT TO GET INTO FIGHT ON STRIKE LAW

Wilson Planning to Take Personal Part in Three-Cornered Controversy.

### TO SEE ADAMSON MONDAY

Author of Eight-Hour Act Says Rest of Program Is to Be Pushed Through.

President Wilson today is preparing to enter personally the great three-cornered fight between labor, the railroads, and the Government on proposals for the prevention of strikes in this country.

Monday he will confer with Judge Adamson, chairman of the House Committee on Interstate Commerce, as to the completion of the program he advanced at the last session of Congress. Adamson says this program will be pushed through as soon as Congress reconvenes in December, and that it may be found inadvisable even to await the report of the joint Congressional committee authorized to make a searching inquiry into the entire railroad problem.

### Embarrassment Threatened.

With the railroads a unit combating the constitutionality of the eight-hour law, with labor ready to fight proposals for settlement of industrial disputes by legislation, and with members of Congress widely divided on these questions, the railroad problem threatens to embarrass seriously the smooth operation of legislative machinery at this session. There are as yet four proposals in the President's program of strike settlement, and prevention to be acted upon if he holds to his original program. These include:

### Four Proposals.

- First—Provision for enlargement and reorganization of the Interstate Commerce Commission.
- Second—Approval by Congress of consideration by the Interstate Commerce Commission of increases, when justified, in freight rates to meet such additional expenditures rendered necessary by adoption of the eight-hour day.
- Third—An amendment of the existing Federal statute which provides for mediation, conciliation, and arbitration of industrial controversies, by adding a provision that in case present agencies should fail, a full public investigation of the merits of every dispute shall be instituted and completed before a strike or lockout may lawfully be attempted.
- Fourth—Giving the President power, in case of military necessity, to take control of such rolling stock of the railroads as may be required for military use, and granting him authority to draft into military service such train crews and administrative officials as circumstances require.

### Opposition Expected.

On all of these provisions, which are embodied in his last message to Congress, but which he failed to consider at that time, the President will meet with vigorous opposition, either from within Congress or from without.

While official Washington does not anticipate a railroad strike growing out of the present situation, Congressmen adamantly declared today that Congress will act adequately in the railroad situation if it comes to a strike crisis again.

"The whole trouble," he said, "is that the railroads are not increasing rates and haven't got it. They were willing to give an eight-hour day if they got such an increase and now they're going to fight, because they didn't get it."

## FIND NEW ANGLES IN R. R. LABOR PROBLEM

Chamber of Commerce of U. S. Members for Anti-strike Law.

With new angles of the railroad capital and labor controversy thrusting themselves forward daily, the National Council of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States still is wrestling with the question today.

An executive session of the council was held at the Willard this morning, and there was informal discussion of the different remedies proposed in the series of addresses before the council yesterday.

It is the feeling of leading members of the Chamber that the meeting here will have a good effect in stirring public sentiment to the idea that the time has come, if America is to be a real factor in world affairs, and if the security of the people is to be assured, when the great body of the public will have to be protected by adequate legislation from the effects of the clashes of railroad capital and labor.

### Public Interest Paramount.

Declaration by President Van Hise, of Madison University, that "the public interest is paramount" is heartily endorsed by many members of the chamber.

Meantime, the assurances from Judge Adamson and statements of others in Congress that it will act on the railroad situation are in some degree comforting.

The results of the forthcoming conference between the President and the heads of the brotherhoods are awaited with interest and anxiety. It is hoped that the brotherhood heads will take the view after seeing the President that the wise course for them is to let the controversy